



THIS MONTH AT OLLI AUGUST, 2018

by Joe Bailey

If you missed the open house at our new facility on Monday July 23rd you really did miss something. I don't know just what made this event a hit. If I did I would bottle it. The weather wasn't on our side. It was hot and humid with periods of sun and gully washing downpours. We had instructors giving mini classes and enthusiastic OLLI members giving guided tours. The church members that we met couldn't have been nicer. They were helpful and I think they even put a notice in the church bulletin announcing our open house. We had one hundred ninety six people sign in and we think we missed a few who got past Carol Neild and Pat Thompson who were directing people to the registration table. That has to mean that there were at least two hundred.

The star of the show was the facility itself. The part of the church that we will be in is set up as classrooms down two long hallways. We have plenty of room to grow. In the old facility the traffic didn't flow well. Class changes were a little like bumper cars. What we have here is like a real school. If I sound excited it is because I am. The art room is large and bright. We have large rooms and smaller rooms and enough rooms.

Every group I took on the tour seemed impressed with what they saw. There were a lot of new faces. If you have ever traveled and taken a tour you know they all exit through the gift shop. In a way ours did too. The last stop was a room where you could register if you hadn't done so already. Madelyn Wright would help you get it together and Anna Moshier was manning the computer. The U of D had a photographer on hand to take pictures for a student ID. For those who chose to take advantage of a good deal by paying for a full year membership plus ten dollars for the ID card you could be like a student again. You would be eligible for student discounts which can be better than senior citizen discounts. You can also get a udel.edu mailbox which can be used to get a 50% discount on Amazon Prime. You could shop in the bookstore. Maybe, if it still exists, you could even go to the Scrounge and see if the hamburgers are as bad as you remember them. I had to leave before the event was over and didn't get a chance to get the picture taken. Once again I'll have to get Paula to bail me out and help me get this benefit. As I left Monday I stuck my head in the door and told Anna it looked the day had been a success. She just grinned and patted the stack of registration forms next to her computer.

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Don't forget: Get a haircut, polish your shoes, *wear your name tag*, and we'll get together on September 4th.